



Elk or White-tailed Deer?

BE SURE OF YOUR TARGET BEFORE YOU SHOOT.



Adult bull elk



Adult white-tailed buck



5-6-month-old elk calf



Adult white-tailed doe

Elk	White-tailed Deer
SIZE	
Adult elk stand 4-5 feet at the shoulders.	Adult white-tailed deer stand 3-3.5 feet at the shoulders.
A 5-6-month-old elk calf is about the same size as an adult doe.	
COLORING	
Elk have black legs and necks, and tan rump patches.	White-tailed deer have white throat patches, legs the same color as their bodies and no rump patches.
TAILS	
Elk have short tails the same color as their tan rump patches.	White-tailed deer have long tails with a white underside.
ANTLERS	
Only bull elk have antlers and they sweep back toward the body.	Only buck white-tailed deer have antlers and they curve forward toward the head.
CALVES AND FAWNS	
Elk usually give birth to a single calf, which can weigh about 45 pounds.	White-tailed deer often give birth to two fawns, which typically weigh 7-8 pounds.
Both elk calves and whitetail fawns are spotted for the first few months and are born in May and June.	